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Washington DC District.

The Chief,

United States Secret Service,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following, my report as Operative of this District, for Friday the 7th day of July, 1933, written at Washington, D. C. and completed at 10:30o'clock A.M. on the 8th day of July, 1933

In Washington, D. C.

At office 9 AM Operatives Slye, Brooks, Murray, Burke, Baber, West here; Shepherd in Hampton, Va. Hart on Military Leave; Allen on leave.

MAIL RECEIVED:

From ELMER L. IREY, Chief, Intelligence Unit, Treasury, inclosing counterfeit $1. SC sent in by Agent in Charge, Richmond, being received from UNITED CIGAR STORES there.

TELEGRAMS RECEIVED:

From Operative Shepherd, Hampton, Va.

GREANER DID NOT SHOW LEAVING FOR NORFOLK ADDRESS HOTEL ATLANTIC

OTHER INFORMATION AND REMARKS:

9 AM Brooks at Police Headquarters on check case, reporting 9:30 AM 9:40 Brooks out to 5th Precinct to get JOE HARRELL, prisoner, arrested for forgery of the JAMES P. GRIFFIN check. 9:45 Shepherd phoned from Hampton Va

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reversing charges, and reported he had good case against the two men-Butler and Toomes. I advised Shepherd about E. W. GREANER who loaned his car to CARL MOSCHETTI; that Greaner would be in Hampton this morning etc. 10:05 Brooks in with JOE HARRELL, Adams Hotel, City, who made a statement in regard to Griffin check. Claims Griffin gave him the check and it was indorsed at the time. JAMES P. GRIFFIN, payee of check, was brought in and faced the defendant and streneously denied the truth of his story. I was not certain that the boy's story was altogether false and hesitated to take the responsibility of having him held so directed Brooks to take the prisoner to the U S Attorney's office and have one of the assistants hear both sides and decide as to whether he should be held. 1:05 Slye out on check case. 2 PM Brooks out to U S Attorneys with JOE HARRELL. 3 PM Slye returned. AMERICAN SECURITY & TRUST CO., 7th & Mass. phoned they have a counterfeit $10. 4 PM Brooks phoned that Asst. U. S. Attorney MURRAY had directed him to arraign JOE HARRELL and hold him in $5000. bond. Brooks was waiting for the Commissioner. Engaged at office until 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge

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OPERATIVE SLYE reports for July 7, 1933:

In Washington, D. C. At office 9 AM 1:05 out on check case of CHARLES O. MARTIN. Returned 3 PM and discontinued 4:30 P.M.

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OPERATIVE BROOKS reports for July 7, 1933:

In Washington, D. C. 9 AM at Police Headquarters as per appointment made the previous evening. Learned that Sergeant VAN D. HUGHES had picked up JOE HARRELL in connection with the JAMES P. GRIFFIN check case. Reported at office 9:30 AM and 9:40 AM left for the 5th Precinct where I picked up Harrell and brought him to the office. Was engaged there until 2 PM when I took Harrell to the U S Attorneys office and was engaged with Asst. U. S. Attorney MURRAY until 4 PM when I was directed to arraign him for violation of Section 151 US PC and hold him in bond of $5000. for hearing on Monday July 10th at 2 PM Went to the Commissioner's office with Harrell and found he had gone for the day. Phoned you and explained the case and waited for the Commissioner to come to his office. Harrell was arraigned, plead not guilty and was held as carried above. Discontinued 5:10 PM

Street car fares	$. 60
Lunch for prisoners	.25

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OPERATIVE SHEPHERD reports for July 5, 1933:

In Washington, D. C., and en route to Phoebus, Va. 9 AM at office. 10:30 out to Veterans Bureau on check case, returning 11:10 AM Received instructions to proceed to Phoebus Va on counterfeit case and when thru to continue on other investigations. 2 PM left to prepare for trip and at 6:30 P.M. departed and was en route at midnight.

DEPARTED: 6:30 PM	
Washington DC to Norfolk Va via NWSBCO T 928715 $7.05	$1.00
Subsistence:	.60
Taxi home to wharf Washington DC	

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OPERATIVE SHEPHERD reports for July 6, 1933:

En route to and in Phoebus, Va., engaged on counterfeit matters. 6:40 AM I arrived at Old Point and proceeded to Phoebus Va., reaching there about 7 AM. I came in contact with Officer M. R. TURNER who was the arresting officer in the case. He stated that about 1 AM July 5th, his attention was attracted to a car making a quick get away from the American Hotel and ther turn in the middle of the street; that he stopt the car to see if the men were drunk and that JACK CREEKMORE came running out of the hotel and shouted for him to hold them as they had passed a counterfeit note on him. The men shot the car ahead and spilled him in the street; that Creekmore got a txi and picked him up and they chased the car which went thru alleys, across lots, thru gates to the Soldiers Home and finally crashed into a phone pole. They were taken into the guard house of the Home and questioned and searched. On the person of the larger one who was the driver was found about $11. in good money and on the person of the other one was found a folder with one $5. bill in it. It was counterfeit and identical to the one Creekmore held and which had been passed by the big fellow. The search of the men was made inthe presence of Creekmore, R. L. ALLIGOOD, driver for Sunshine Taxi Co., Phoebus and E. J. HOOVER in charge of the guard house on the late shift. They were then taken to jail in Hampton. They gave their names as EDWARD F. TOOMBS and MARION S. BUTLER, N 10th St. Richmond, Va. Officer Turner said that he waited until day light and with JACK CREEKMORE and his wife Annie got in a machine and followed the route taken in the chase. About 150 feet inside the Home grounds Phoebus entrance they found thirteen of the bills scattered and looking further they found five more, making eighteen in all. They looked well over the entire route but were unable to find more. They also searched the machine without finding anything. The machine was wrecked. He reported the machine to J. M. JOHNSON, Sergt of State Police stationed at Hampton and he had it towed to Fuller's Garage in Phoebus. Turner said just a short while before I arrived a man came to him; that he was traveling in a Richmond taxi and gave his name as H. S. MCGOVERN, owner of a club at 108 N 8th St. Richmond, Va., and had a letter he wanted to deliver to Toombs from Toombs' father in Richmond. The letter was written on Hotel Gilbert paper. He also wanted the car and said it belonged to ED GREANER of Washington, D. C. He told him Toombs was in jail at Hampton and that he would have to see the State Police re the car. I went to Fuller's Garage and made a thorough search of the car without finding anything . It is a dark gray coach 1930 Model with DC tags T 7629. The motor number is A 4492975. Turner told me that three of the bills had been picked up passed at Buckroe Beach and one passed in Phoebus. At the beach two were found at George COLAMN's amusement concession. At Phoebus one was passed at Paradise Inn run by MENAS PROMISE We went to the American Hotel. Creekmore and his wife were both out of town. I continued on to Hampton and called at the jail. Was told by TOM CURTIS Deputy Sheriff that several calls had been received from Richmond inquiring about the men but the parties calling refused to give their names. A check up revealed the calls were coming from pay station 39583 in the Gilbert Hotel 801 E Franklin St. McGovern had not been to the jail to deliver the letter. I got in touch with Sergt. JOHNSON. He had been to see him about the car but Johnson said he would continue to hold it. I tried to talk to the men under arrest, taking them separately. Butler talked right freely but positively denied having any knowledge of counterfeits or of passing any. He gave his

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name as MARION S. BUTLER, 416 N 10th St. Richmond, Va., age 28, occupation auto machinist and professional gambler and lives with his father and mother IRA H and ANNIE BUTLER. He has known Toombs for seven years and pals with him. He is also a gambler but clerks in a clothing store when he can find work. He has friend in Washington DC EDWARD GREANER, a bootlegger. Greaner came to Richmond right often and was there around Christmas and has been there once since. Saturday July 1st he went to Washington to see Greaner who lives in an apartment on H St near New York Ave. He borrowed Greaner's car and left Sunday evening for Richmond and Monday he made contact with Toombs and they planed trip over the 4th to Buckroe Beach. They left Monday at 1 PM and got to Buckroe about 6 PM and slept in the car that night. He had $75. and Toombs had between $40 and $50. when they left Richmond. They won it in a crap game at a club between Frankling and Grace on 8th St. and that was where they left from; that most of their money was in $5. bills. He said he was an ex-sailor, enlisting in 1920 and discharged in 1926. In most of his answers he was surly and guarded. Toombs would not talk other than to say his father and mother were both dead. He admitted he was at the American Hotel with Butler the night of their arrest. They both claimed they were drunk at the time. Toombs said he knew the girl SADIE PERRY but had nothing to do with her being in Phoebus. He said he had a lawyer and had been told not to talk. I called you and reversed charges and gave information re Greaner. I called the Marshal's office and talked to Deputy Marshal O'CONNOR. He said warrant had been issued by U S Commissioner Power of Phoebus and hearing set for 10 AM Friday but Attorney Devarney of Norfolk defending the men had a case in Federal Court and had asked that the case be continued. I joined with Sergt. Johnson. We went to Phoebus and made contact with YATES CAMPBELL. He said he received his note from a young man living at Poquoson or Bull Island, York County but didn't know his name. We made agreement to meet him at 1 PM to go there to try to find the man. Campbell is a bootlegger and sold the man one half dozen bottles of beer. We went to Buckroe Beach and called at Paradise Inn. MENOS PROMISE proprietor said he could not tell where he got his note. At Colonna the note was taken in by CONWAY HASKINS a temporary employee living at 347 Creek Ave, Hampton. It was thought he knew who he got it from and had been to the jail and identified the passer. While here received call from Sheriff Curtis telling me to call the Marshal's office at Norfolk. Called there office and talked to Deputy Closson who said the hearing had been postponed until Monday at 10 AM and asked me to notify the witnesses. I tried to get in touch with Haskins at his home but he was out. Returned to Phoebus and called at the U S Commissioners office and learned the hearing had been set for Monday at 10 AM Called at Soldiers Home and talked to E. J. HOOVER. Notified him of continuance of hearing. Joined YATES CAMPBELL in Phoebus and about 2 PM left for Poquoson or Bull Island. Suceeded in locating the man who passed the note on Campbell. He gave his name as CHARLES AMORY, post office Messick, York County. He said he was at Buckroe Beach on the 4th and got two $10. bills changed, one at Paradise Inn but he couldn't recall where he got the other change. He will make the bill good to Campbell. About 5:30 P.M. returned to Hampton and Johnson left me there. I continued on to Phoebus and called again at American Hotel. Creekmore and his wife had not returned. Went to Buckroe in an effortto locate Haskins. Made contact with local officers who know Haskins and arranged to have him call at my hotel if he was found. About 8 PM returned

to Hampton and to my hotel. Found notice to call operator 44 Washington DC. I had call made and she said call was from you and would be complted in the morning. About 8:30 PM Haskins called me. Said he had come to the jail and identified one man as the one who passed bill on him. He didn't know his name. Said he heard that two men had been arrested for passing this money and he went down on the morning of the 5th and asked to be shown the men and some seven or eight were lined up and he picked the one he was positive had passed the note on him. He agreed to come to see me towmorrw morning at 10AM I called again at the jail. CHARLIE COTTON, jailor, said he remembered the young man who called to identify the men and that he did pick the man from line up of six or seven men and the man he picked was Butler. There was quite a bit of confusion at the jail at the time and he didn't ask his name. About 9 PM I received call from JACK CREEKMORE, American Hotel. He had just returned. I went again to Phoebus and questioned Creekmore and his wife Annie. Mrs. Creekmore said men came in while her husband was out; that it was about 11:30 PM on the 4th. The larger one came in first and asked her to change a $5. bill for him. She told him she couldnt. He hung around for about ten minutes and went out and came back with samller man. The smaller man recognized a guest of the house, SADIE PERRY. She heard him tell her he had something that would make her feel good and he went out and returned with a small bottle and told her to pour a small amount of it into her hand and swallow it. It was chrystal like. He and the girl seemed to be good friends. She took it. Her husband came and they all went in the kitchen and the men ordered some beer. Creekmore than took up the story. He said while he was getting the beer the little fellow flashed his money and counted out $100 in $5's from one folder. He put the beer up and the colored boy waited on them. The big fellow gave him a $5. bill in payment. He saw him take it from his own pocket. The beer was 20¢ a bottle and he gave him $4.60 in change. The little fellow then said to the porter handing him a $5. bill you have been a good fellow change this and t ake out fifty cents for a tip. The boy didn't take the bill. They then wanted to buy some more beer. He refused them. He got uneasy because what he was doing was not lawful and he didn't know what their racket was. They offered him $1. a bottle for the beer. He still refused them and tried to get them out without trouble. Just as they went out his wife called to him and said $5. bill those men gave you is counterfeit. He examined it and found that it was. It was the only $5. note in cash register. He ran out to try and overtake them and found Officer Turner had stopt the car. He called to Turner from across the street to hold them as they passed counterfeit money on him. At that they drove off spilling Turner to the street. He stopt a taxi, picked up Turner and followed them. He said the little fellow took a second folder from his pocket and said I have $2200. in here, what do you want for your place. That was when he refused to sell them more beer. He flashed it open and he could see it was full of bills. This was in the presence of his wife, Sadie Perry and the porter JAMES WALKER. They all confirmed this statement. Sadie Perry said she had known Toombs for two years and knew his mother. She knew him as EDDIE TOOMBS or Eddie Milton. His mother remarried but was a widow when she knew her and worked in a tobacco factory. This boy was raised in a Richmond orphanage. At 11:30 PM I returned to my hotel and discontinued for the day. Charges to next page.

Subsistence:	$4.00
LD phone Phoebus Va to U S Marshal Norfolk Va	.25
LD phone Buckroe Beach to U S Marshal Norfolk Va	.20
Pd for information cftg case (Dinner for Sergt. Johnson)	.60
Street car fares	.60